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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION  
CORPORATION,

Adv.Pro.No.  
08-01789(SMB)

Plaintiff,

SIPA Liquidation

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT  
SECURITIES, LLC,

(Substantially  
Consolidated)

Defendant.

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In Re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

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Videotaped Deposition of ALETHEA LEUNG, as  
reported by Nancy C. Bendish, Certified Court  
Reporter, RMR, CRR and Notary Public of the  
States of New York and New Jersey, at the office  
of BAKER HOSTETLER, 45 Rockefeller Plaza, New  
York, New York, on Thursday, June 2, 2016,  
commencing at 10:12 a.m.

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1 withdrawal was made, the check was sent to the  
2 customer?

3 A. I suppose so.

4 Q. Did you see the checks once they  
5 were printed?

6 A. I printed the checks, yes.

7 Q. And were the checks made out to  
8 the customer?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And so were the employees on the  
11 17th floor responsible for sending the checks  
12 out to the customers?

13 A. I believe so, yes.

14 Q. Let me back up a little bit.

15 So, when you printed checks --

16 A. Right.

17 Q. -- how often did you print checks?

18 A. Every day.

19 Q. Okay. And once you printed the  
20 checks, what did you do with them?

21 A. We would print them at the end of  
22 the day and then we'd put them into Winnie's  
23 office for the next day.

24 Q. And when you say "we," who do you  
25 mean?

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1 A. Dorothy and I.

2 Q. And so you left them in Winnie's  
3 office. Do you know -- did Winnie review them  
4 after you left them?

5 A. I would assume so. I think she  
6 would check to make sure that what we entered  
7 was there, I guess.

8 Q. Okay. Were you part of the -- do  
9 you know who mailed the checks out?

10 A. I would assume the mailroom.

11 Q. Did you help with that at all?

12 A. No.

13 Q. And so who instructed you to print  
14 the checks on a daily basis?

15 A. That was part of my job, I guess,  
16 when they gave us the list of checks to print  
17 and to run, that was part of the steps that we  
18 would do at the end of the day is to input all  
19 the incoming checks and issue out the old -- the  
20 checks going out and then print them and have  
21 them ready for the next day.

22 Q. And how -- how were you told to  
23 print? Sorry, let me rephrase that.

24 What information were you given in  
25 order to print the checks?

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1           A.       I guess the check -- I don't  
2   remember what it was. It was either the check,  
3   a check-out book or a list of checks that -- I  
4   don't know if it's on the C&S. I can't remember  
5   where they generate from, but they would --  
6   let's see. I know the process but I don't  
7   remember exactly what was given to me to enter  
8   them into as checks.

9           Q.       Okay. We can come back to that.  
10                    When you printed the checks, did  
11   anything print with them?

12          A.       Memos.

13          Q.       And could you describe those?

14          A.       They're white pieces of paper that  
15   would say their names and who it's going to, I  
16   think.

17          Q.       So it would identify who the check  
18   was made out to?

19          A.       I believe so.

20          Q.       Would it have the amount?

21          A.       I can't recall.

22          Q.       Was it an image of the check?

23          A.       An image?

24          Q.       Or was it a copy?

25          A.       No, not really. It's a memo sheet

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1 so I don't think it's a copy, no.

2 Q. And did the labels print when you  
3 printed the checks?

4 A. Yes, if there were labels, yes.

5 Q. What do you mean if there were  
6 labels?

7 A. If there were labels, mailing  
8 labels, yes.

9 Q. Were there instances where there  
10 were not labels?

11 A. There may be, I'm not sure. I  
12 know that we have labels that print, but I don't  
13 know if some have -- because they're address  
14 labels so I'm not sure if everybody printed had  
15 one. I can't recall.

16 Q. But those labels printed at the  
17 same time the checks did?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And they printed from the same  
20 system?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And did the labels match the  
23 check?

24 A. Like the names?

25 Q. Yes. Did the name on the label

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1 match the name on the check?

2 A. That I'm not sure of. You know,  
3 again, they may have an address or something  
4 like that, but basically they would probably be  
5 the same, yeah.

6 Q. So were the checks made out to the  
7 customer?

8 A. Most likely, yes.

9 Q. And they were mailed to the  
10 customer?

11 A. I would believe so.

12 Q. Do you know how the information  
13 for the mailing labels was put into the computer  
14 system?

15 A. It was given to us, Dorothy and I.  
16 Again, on that sheet would have the name and  
17 their address and if there was a mailing  
18 address, then they would say mailing address and  
19 that we would then key that into the system.

20 Q. And what -- do you remember what  
21 table you entered that into?

22 A. No, I don't.

23 Q. Was the customer name and address  
24 information stored in one place in the  
25 computers?

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1 A. Yes.

2 Q. So once the checks were printed  
3 and sent out to the customers, was there a way  
4 for BLMIS to track which checks were sent out?

5 A. I don't know.

6 Q. Did you print any reports ever  
7 that identified the checks that had been mailed?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Did you ever see a report that  
10 would have tracked --

11 A. No.

12 Q. -- which checks?

13 A. No.

14 Q. So a moment ago you testified that  
15 with the checks -- when the checks printed a  
16 check memo was also printed?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And what did you do with the check  
19 memos?

20 A. They went with the checks to  
21 Winnie's office.

22 Q. And to your knowledge Winnie  
23 maintained those records?

24 A. Yeah, I guess so, yes.

25 Q. Did the check memos ever come back

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1 to you?

2 A. No.

3 Q. I'm now going to show you what's  
4 been marked as Trustee's Exhibit 49. It's a  
5 large document but I'm only going to be asking  
6 you about a few pages.

7 A. Okay.

8 Q. Take a look at that.

9 MR. DEXTER: What page are we  
10 looking at here?

11 MS. ACKERMAN: Nothing yet. We're  
12 just letting her take a look.

13 Q. Do you recognize this document?

14 A. I don't remember. I mean, I read  
15 that this is things that I worked on and  
16 entered, but I don't recall, for some reason I  
17 don't remember having this document or anything.  
18 I don't remember it.

19 Q. That's okay. But you do recognize  
20 some of the procedures that are identified in  
21 it?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. As -- and you recognize those as  
24 tasks that you performed?

25 A. Correct.



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1 Q. So the monthly and quarterly  
2 checks would have been made out to the account  
3 holder?

4 A. Correct.

5 Q. So I want to go back to page  
6 ending in 545, so MADTSS00336545.

7 I'd like to direct your attention  
8 to the bottom, the last two lines on the page.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. And we talked about it a bit  
11 before, but what does it mean to punch?

12 A. To enter, or to key in.

13 Q. So punching a check means what?

14 A. We're entering the information  
15 into the system to create a check.

16 Q. And punching trades?

17 A. Entering the information into the  
18 system.

19 Q. So can you read for me those last  
20 two lines?

21 A. Okay. "PW - DT - CW equals," I  
22 guess, "punch as field plus debits," and the  
23 "CA, punch as field minus credits."

24 Q. So what does PW stand for?

25 A. Profit withdrawal.

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1 Q. And DT, if you know?

2 A. I would assume it would be debit  
3 transfer.

4 Q. Do you remember working with debit  
5 transfer journal entries?

6 A. No.

7 Q. Then CW, what does that stand for?

8 A. Capital withdrawals.

9 Q. And you worked with capital  
10 withdrawals?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And you worked with profit  
13 withdrawals?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And so what does it mean that this  
16 says PW, DT and CW are punched as field plus and  
17 then debits?

18 A. Well, field plus meaning that if  
19 after entering the amount we hit the field plus  
20 button. So I guess that means to debit the  
21 account.

22 Q. Okay.

23 A. And then any CA amounts would go  
24 in, enter the amounts and then hit the field  
25 minus key.

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1 Q. Did you perform this function as  
2 part of your --

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. -- generating checks?

5 A. Entering checks, yes.

6 Q. Did you follow this procedure  
7 here, to generate those checks?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. So, what does it mean to punch as  
10 a debit?

11 A. I don't know. All I know, that  
12 when I see PW's or CW's, they go as a positive,  
13 so I just hit the field plus. You know, we  
14 don't -- normally we don't all work with credits  
15 or debits, it's not something that we're told to  
16 debit this account, credit this account.

17 Q. But your understanding is PW and  
18 CW were checks going out to the customer?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. So they were withdrawals from  
21 their account?

22 A. The PW.

23 Q. PW's and CW's were withdrawals  
24 from the customers' accounts?

25 A. Yes.

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1 withdrawal from the account?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. So just one more -- on the check,  
4 can you tell me which of these fields were  
5 automatically populated by the name and address  
6 table?

7 A. The pay to the order of.

8 Q. Did any of the other information  
9 automatically fill in?

10 A. Well, the account number. And,  
11 well, we entered the date when we first start  
12 the memo, once we enter that, and then that  
13 would populate in there.

14 Q. But you typed in the date?

15 A. Right.

16 Q. And you typed in the amount?

17 A. That's correct.

18 Q. If we can, just go back to  
19 Trustee's Exhibit 49 for one more moment. I  
20 direct your attention to the page ending in 550.  
21 So MADTSS00336550.

22 Could you read the title of this  
23 page for us.

24 A. "Name and Address File  
25 Maintenance."

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1 Q. And then the memo referenced below  
2 that?

3 A. Menu Namenu.

4 Q. And so could you take a look at  
5 this page.

6 A. (Witness complies.)

7 MR. DEXTER: Which page are we on?

8 MS. ACKERMAN: 550.

9 Q. Does this page represent the  
10 procedure you would have followed to update a  
11 customer maintenance file?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Would you have used the Namenu  
14 menu?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And this procedure also refers to  
17 the BLMIS computer system, correct?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And so the information you would  
20 enter in to use this -- so following this  
21 procedure, where would the information have come  
22 from that you would have updated in the computer  
23 system?

24 A. From the file that was handed to  
25 me with the file maintenance information.

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1 Q. So the witness is referring to  
2 Trustee's Exhibit 23. Okay.

3 And which document is that?  
4 What's the title of that document that you're  
5 referring to? The name/address?

6 A. The name/address file maintenance.

7 Q. Form.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And that's AMF00162330.

10 So, you would update the  
11 information from the name and address file  
12 maintenance form in the computer system using  
13 the procedure set forth on Exhibit 49 at 550?

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. And was the procedure the same for  
16 opening new accounts as it was for making  
17 changes?

18 A. Well, we have different action  
19 codes, yes, but it's the same screen.

20 Q. By procedure I mean you received  
21 the form?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. You entered it into the computer?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. So a moment ago, looking again at

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1 the page ending in 330, a moment ago we were  
2 talking about the notation of "S" equals send  
3 and "R" equals reinvest?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And you -- what do you -- one more  
6 time, what do you understand the "S" to mean?

7 A. As the note says, send.

8 Q. And the "R"?

9 A. To reinvest.

10 Q. Did you update the name and  
11 address file maintenance in the BLMIS computer  
12 system to reflect whether there was a send or a  
13 reinvest for an account?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. So you would have entered in an  
16 "S" for profits in the computer system?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Again looking at Trustee's Exhibit  
19 49, and turning to page ending in 551, so  
20 MADTSS00336551.

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. So at the top there could you read  
23 that first portion in for the record.

24 A. "For profit/dividend/interest, S -  
25 send, R - reinvest." You want me to go on?

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1 Q. No, that's okay, thank you.

2 So this, would you have entered an  
3 "S" or an "R" into the computer system?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Based on the name and address  
6 form?

7 A. Correct.

8 Q. And this would have been stored in  
9 the name and address table as well?

10 A. Yes, because this is -- I'm  
11 entering it in the name and address.

12 Q. And so did you -- sorry.

13 When you changed an account from  
14 an "S" to an "R," did the customer no longer  
15 receive a check?

16 A. I don't know.

17 Q. So a moment ago you testified that  
18 you entered the "S" or the "R" into the name and  
19 address table, correct?

20 A. Correct.

21 Q. And that the "S" means that  
22 profits were sent?

23 A. That's what it -- that's what it  
24 says, that's what I'm gathering.

25 MR. DEXTER: Could I just say, if



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1 and address form?

2 A. On the -- yeah, their files, the  
3 customers' files, yes.

4 Q. Thank you. Okay, you can set that  
5 aside for now.

6 I'd like to direct your  
7 attention -- I'm going to hand you now what's  
8 been marked as Trustee's Exhibit 57. Take a  
9 look at that and let me know when you're ready  
10 to answer some questions.

11 A. (Witness complies.) Okay.

12 Q. Do you recognize this document?

13 A. Yes, it looks like a customer  
14 folder.

15 Q. Can you tell me which account  
16 number it relates to?

17 A. Looks like it had two account  
18 numbers but I believe it's the A -- 1A002810.

19 Q. Thank you.

20 A. You're welcome.

21 Q. Where would you find this folder  
22 at BLMIS?

23 A. They had file cabinets that was  
24 lined up in front of Annette's office, in that  
25 area.

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1 Q. And did you pull files from those  
2 file cabinets?

3 A. Generally, no, Dorothy and I did  
4 not, no.

5 Q. And did you put them back ever?

6 A. No. I mean, I've probably been in  
7 one before to pull a file if they needed to have  
8 pulled, and then put it back, but we normally  
9 don't go in there.

10 Q. So as a part of your normal  
11 responsibilities at BLMIS, did you file?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Thank you. Turning to page  
14 MADTBB03079123, do you recognize this document?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And what do you recognize this  
17 document to be?

18 A. The name and address file  
19 maintenance.

20 Q. For which account?

21 A. For account number A0028.

22 Q. And where do you see that number?

23 A. Up in the account number line,  
24 second line.

25 Q. Could you read that whole line for

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1 me?

2 A. Account number (6) 1A0028-10.

3 Q. And then down below do you see --  
4 first, do you recognize any of the handwriting  
5 on this page?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. What do you recognize?

8 A. Annette's Bongiorno's handwriting.

9 Q. What are you referring to for  
10 that?

11 A. The name of the customer and the  
12 address is written by her.

13 Q. Would that be line 1?

14 A. Line 1, for the city, the state,  
15 the zip. And then down below, the short name,  
16 starts with social security ID and the group  
17 name.

18 Q. Anything else?

19 A. Yeah, below where S's and R's and  
20 the account number.

21 Q. Whose handwriting do you recognize  
22 that to be?

23 A. It looks like Annette's,  
24 Bongiorno's.

25 Q. And what do the S's and R's mean?

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1           A.       Send, and R for receive --  
2   reinvest.

3           Q.       Do you have an understanding as to  
4   why there would be multiple S's and R's on this  
5   page?

6           A.       No.

7           Q.       If you would see -- when you  
8   received a name and address file maintenance  
9   form that had multiple -- had an "S" and/or an  
10   "R," what would you typically have done with it?

11          A.       Normally what happens is normally  
12   on the back of the employee's folder it would  
13   tell us what needs to be done.

14          Q.       Okay.

15          A.       So if she's changing it from --

16          Q.       Just to clarify, you said  
17   employee's folder, but --

18          A.       Customer's folder.

19          Q.       You mean the customer's folder?

20          A.       Yes, customer's folder. I'm so  
21   sorry.

22          Q.       That's all right. Thank you.

23                    I'd like to direct your attention  
24   to the last page of Trustee's Exhibit 57. Do  
25   you want to flip all the way to the end.

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1 MADTBB03079156.

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. So a moment ago you referenced  
4 notations on the folder cover?

5 A. Yes. So this is on the back  
6 cover. They would give us instructions on what  
7 needs to be changed on the customer's file. And  
8 so in this case there were changes to change to  
9 "R," to change to "S" and so forth.

10 Q. So when you say they would give  
11 you instructions, who are you referring to?

12 A. Depending on who it's coming from,  
13 in this case it came from Annette.

14 Q. Who else might it have come from?

15 A. Jodi.

16 Q. Anyone else?

17 A. Sometimes Frank.

18 Q. Frank DiPascali?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. So based on your testimony a  
21 moment ago -- actually, could you just read that  
22 last line, the last handwritten line there for  
23 me.

24 A. I can't make out the month, but it  
25 says 20/1995, change to R, and my initials.

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1 Q. And is the date and the "change to  
2 R" your handwriting?

3 A. "Change to R," no. My initials is  
4 my handwriting.

5 Q. So based on your testimony a  
6 moment ago, you would have received the folder?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. In this instance you received the  
9 folder?

10 A. Um-hum.

11 Q. On the back cover it would have  
12 this date?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And "change to R"?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. You would take the folder?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. What would you do?

19 A. I would then go into the  
20 customer's file maintenance and enter or make  
21 the change to the bottom where it says "R" -- I  
22 mean "S," to all say "R." In the system.

23 Q. When you went into the computer  
24 system for the account maintenance file, did  
25 that screen look like the document at 123?

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1 A. Pretty much, yes.

2 Q. So on the bottom portion of the  
3 screen there would be a line that said profits,  
4 dividends, interest?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. And then along the left the Type 1  
7 through 6?

8 A. I believe so, yes. I know that  
9 there were multiple rows. I don't know if they  
10 were like 1 through 6, but I know there were  
11 multiple rows.

12 Q. And to effect the changes  
13 reflected here on the back of the cover...

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. ...you would enter in an "R" where  
16 there was an "S"?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Would it be filled with S's?

19 A. Yes. Like the whole thing -- we  
20 would fill everything with S's. And then R,  
21 change it to everything with R's.

22 Q. And then you would initial the  
23 folder?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And what would you do with it

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1 after that?

2 A. Then give it back -- give it to  
3 Darlene to file.

4 Q. Okay, I'd like to go back to  
5 Trustee's Exhibit 55 for a moment, your work  
6 logs, and I'd like to go to page ending in 8867.  
7 Can you tell me what date this page refers to?  
8 What work date this page references?

9 A. July 19th and the 20th and the  
10 21st.

11 Q. Is there an entry here in your  
12 handwriting that would correspond to your making  
13 a change to the send or reinvest status in an  
14 account?

15 A. No, it doesn't look like it.

16 Q. Let me ask you a different  
17 question.

18 On July 20th, the third line from  
19 the end of those entries, cash1702, 7/20 and  
20 save, W2 Alethea.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. What function would that have  
23 been, what procedure would that have been to  
24 perform?

25 A. Cash1702, that's the cash and



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1 MS. BROWN: They're two separate  
2 accounts.

3 MR. DEXTER: Okay. This is 60.

4 Q. So there's a September 5th  
5 transaction there on that customer statement as  
6 you just testified to?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. And referring back to Trustee's  
9 Exhibit 55, page ending in 7565.

10 A. Um-Hum.

11 Q. The transaction for -- is there an  
12 entry there by you referencing profit withdrawal  
13 checks for September 5th?

14 A. Yes. Checks CA 9/4, CW and PW for  
15 9/5.

16 Q. And that would correlate back to  
17 the customer statement, correct?

18 A. Those are the checks that were  
19 issued that day.

20 Q. That day, okay.

21 I'd like to now show you what's  
22 been previously marked as Trustee's Exhibit 39  
23 and 40. Do you recognize these documents?

24 A. These are reports that we  
25 processed or run.

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1 Q. When you say "we," who do you  
2 mean?

3 A. Dorothy and I would run.

4 Q. And when you say run, do you mean  
5 print?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. So, starting with Exhibit 40, can  
8 you tell me what the title of this report is?

9 A. "Arbitrage Portfolio Transaction."

10 Q. And what is your understanding of  
11 the information that's included on this report?

12 A. I don't know what it -- I mean, I  
13 just run the report and give it to Annette  
14 Bongiorno, but that's all -- when looking at the  
15 report, which I see it says PW's and CA's, which  
16 are debits and the credits of the employ -- of  
17 the customer's account.

18 Q. How often did you run these  
19 reports -- how often did you run Trustee Exhibit  
20 40?

21 A. Arbitrage portfolio transaction  
22 report. I'm thinking once a month. Yeah, a  
23 monthly thing.

24 Q. Okay, great. Then if we could  
25 turn to Exhibit 30 -- 39, excuse me.

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1 Do you recognize this document as  
2 well?

3 A. This is the management report, the  
4 arbitrage portfolio management report, yes.

5 Q. And you printed this report as  
6 part of your work at BLMIS?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. How often did you print it?

9 A. Again, I think it's once a month  
10 with the arbitrage portfolio transaction report.

11 Q. And who did you give this report  
12 to once you printed it?

13 A. Annette Bongiorno.

14 Q. And did you print it automatically  
15 or did Annette request it?

16 A. I'm trying to remember whether or  
17 not it was a request when she gave, that she  
18 wants the portfolio management report to run,  
19 that she'd ask for me to do it, run. I can't  
20 recall.

21 Q. That's fine. Thank you.

22 I'm now going to show you what's  
23 been previously marked as Trustee's Exhibits 44  
24 and 45. I just have a couple more questions.

25 This is 44; this is 45. Do you